port on the modernisation of State Police Forces that some of the States had not contributed towards the Scheme, had not maintained separate accounts as envisaged in the scheme and had not spent the amount in conformity with the approved plan. In some cases funds received under this scheme were diverted to other heads and most of the States could not achieve hundred per cent coverage of police stations by providing wireless or telecommunication system.

'Police' being a state subject, the state Governments are mainly responsible for the implementation of this scheme. Copies of the C&AG report have been sent to them for necessary action.

Narcotics Trade

1750. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trade in narcotics is increasing even after the enactment of stringent laws;

(b) what is the quantum of narcotics seized in terms of value during the last three years, the number of seizure and persons involved in each case and the States from where seizures were made; and

(c) what was the number of prosecutions in this connection during the last three years and the nature of convictions awarded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) With the intensification of the drive against drug smugglers/traffickers by the various drug law enforcement agencies in the country, there has been a steep increase in the quantities of drugs seized.

The quantities of drugs seized from 1985 to 1988 (upto June) in the country are indicated in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

No precise value of the drugs seized can be determined or assessed as this is dependent upon various factors like purity of the drug, place of origin|seizure local demand and supply etc.

The seizures were effected from all the States and Union Territories excepting Sikkim, Lakshadweep and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

Of the total number of 11,088 persons prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 since 14-11-1985, cases have been decided in respect of 1,849 persons, of whom 962 have been convicted. No data is maintained in respect of convictions for different offences.

Statement

S. No.	Name of drug	Quantities seized during (in kilograms)							
		1985		1986		1987		1988 (Provite.	
		No. of cases	Qty. seized	No. of cases	Qty. seized	No. of cases	Qty. seized	No. of cases (upto June)	Qty. seized
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Opium	489	6,840	1,692	8,709	433	2,929	160	1,37
2.	Morphine	78	125	45	207	38	115	10	
3.	Heroin	131	761	405	2,621	351	2,747	138	1,708

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4.	Ganja . . .	254	66,314	684	60,619	635	53,920	183	15,469
5.	Hashish (Charas) .	192	10,312	374	18,909	301	14,796	139	12,250
6.	Cocaine . . .	1	5	9	26	6	5	2	17
7.	Methaqualone .	42	745	19	1,485	59	1,500	15	536

(N.B. :—Figures rounded off to the nearest kilogram.)

राम जन्म भूमि और बाबरी मस्जिद विवाद

1751. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राम जन्म भूमि-बाबरी मस्जिद विवाद का शीघ्र तथा स्थायी समाधान करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) इस संबंध में प्राप्त सुझावों का ब्यौरा क्या है तथा वे सुझाव किन-किन से प्राप्त हुए हैं ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्): (क) और (ख) केन्द्र और राज्य सरकारें बातचीत द्वारा एक स्वीकार्य हल खोजने के लिए कृतसंकल्प हैं और वार्तालाप तथा बातचीत शीघ्रता से शुरू करने के लिए सभी संबंधित पक्षों से आग्रह किया है । वार्तालाप की प्रक्रिया शुरू हो गई है ।

News-item captioned 'Farmers Jailed for Loan Default'

1752. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned 'Farmers jailed for loan default' which appeared in the Hindustan Times of July 4, 1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that being unable to repay loans some farmers committed suicide;

(c) whether the banks were given clear instructions to stop recovery of loans from farmers in areas effected by natural calamity; and

(d) what action has been taken to avert such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been reported in the news item that 14 farmers of Srikalahasati Mandal in Chittor district have been jailed for falling to repay agricultural loans taken from State Bank of India. RBI and NABARD have reported that they have no information about any bank borrower committing suicide in Srikalahasati Mandal of Chittor district only for being unable to repay the loans.

(c) and (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had issued detailed guidelines including relief and concessions to farmers affected by natural calamities such as flood, cyclone, etc. These guidelines provide for grant of second crop loan, conversion of short term loans into medium and long term loans, rescheduilement of payment of principal and interest, etc.